

Biographies of Plenary Session Speakers

The following is a compendium of Plenary Speaker biographies.

The Honorable Timothy Fields, Jr.

Assistant Administrator

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Tim Fields was nominated by President Clinton to be Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) on October 9, 1998. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on July 1, 1999. He had been Acting Assistant Administrator since February 17, 1997. Prior to this, he served as Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for OSWER for about three years. As Assistant Administrator, he is responsible for the national oversight and management of the Superfund, Brownfields, Hazardous and Solid Waste Management, Underground Storage Tanks, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention, Technology Innovation, Oil Spills Cleanup, and Federal Facilities Site Remediation Programs. He also served as Director of EPA's Superfund Revitalization Office for 2 ½ Years, Depute Director of EPA's Office of Emergency and Remedial Response for 2 ½ years, Director of EPS Emergency Response Division for 4 ½ years, and as Deputy Director of the Hazardous Site Control Division (EPA's Superfund Remedial Program) for 1 ½ years. Mr. Fields has also held a variety of supervisory and staff positions in the Office of Mobile Sources and Office of Solid Waste. Since September 1997, he has also served as Chair of the EPA Human Resources Council. He has been employed by EPA in a variety of positions for more than 28 years.

Mr. Fields has a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), an Master of Science degree in Operations Research from George Washington University, and an additional year of graduate studies at Ohio State University.

Following graduation from Virginia Tech, Mr. Fields served for 2 ½ years in the U.S. Public Health Service as a commissioned officer. His major awards include four (4) Presidential Rank Awards (the 1993 and 1998 Presidential Rank Awards for Distinguished Executive Service, 1989 and 1996 Presidential Rank Awards for Meritorious Executive Service), an EPA Silver Medal, three EPA Bronze Medals, and several other awards for outstanding executive performance.

The Honorable Gregg A. Cooke

Regional Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Region 6)

Gregg A. Cooke's appointment as the Regional Administrator for Region 6 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was effective on May 11, 1998. He directs the Federal environmental programs of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Mr. Cooke has a long history of working with both State and Federal government environmental agencies. He was a partner in the Natural Resources, Energy and Environment Section of Haynes and Boone and a member of the Environmental Law Practice Group. His practice included environmental litigation, permitting issues, and cross-border environmental matters.

Mr. Cooke served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas for three years, first as Chief of the Environmental Protection Division and later as Chief of the Natural Resources Division. He supervised attorneys who represented the State of Texas in all environmental and energy related matters. Mr. Cooke also served as the State's North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Environmental Liaison, assisting the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission (BECC) in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico, as interim general counsel. There, he helped develop the initial rules and regulations that serve as the foundation of the BECC and the North American Development Bank, institutions formed following NAFTA to address U.S. B Mexico border environmental conditions.

He is the author of numerous articles including: ACivil Environmental Enforcement in Court,@ Advanced Environmental Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 1995; ABorder Issues Roundtable,@ Advanced Environmental Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 1994; AImpact of NAFTA on State Administrative Law,@ Advanced Administrative Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 1994; and the co-author of AThe Evolving Protection of State Laws and the Environment: NAFTA from a Texas Perspective,@ U.S. B Mexico Policy Studies Program, University of Texas at Austin; and AThe Effects of NAFTA and Its Side Agreements on Water Resources Planning and Management,@ American Society for Professional Engineers, 1995. Mr. Cooke is a member of the

American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas (Section on Environmental and Natural Resources, Executive Committee, 1992-1995; Public Affairs Committee, 1990-1993). He also served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Lyceum (1989-1995).

The Honorable Ronald Kirk
Mayor
City of Dallas, TX

On May 1, 1999, Ronald Kirk was elected to his second term as Mayor of Dallas, Texas, with over 74 percent of the popular vote. Mayor Kirk, the first African American Mayor of Dallas and of a major Texas city, has won citywide support and national attention for his commitment to uniting Dallas and building the capital city of the American Dream.

Since taking office, Mayor Kirk has passed four budgets, which have focused on the critical needs of the city while lowering taxes. His leadership on the *We Love Dallas!* Campaign led to the victorious passage of the 1998 Capital Bond Program, which includes \$246 million for improvements to the Trinity River Corridor. Further, Mayor Kirk led the successful Yes! Let's Build It! Campaign in support of a new downtown arena, keeping the Dallas Mavericks and Dallas Stars in Downtown for the next 30 years. In 1997, Mayor Kirk's work to ensure the Nasher Collection remained in Dallas resulted in the donation of an outdoor sculpture garden to the city from the Nasher Foundation. Mayor Kirk's economic development efforts have helped secure 40,000 jobs and investment of more than \$3 billion in Dallas. In addition, he has worked diligently to bring economic development to Downtown and Southern Dallas. Mayor Kirk has utilized a unique one-on-one town hall meeting format, allowing citizens to meet with him individually.

Mayor Kirk serves on the Advisory Board of the United States Conference of Mayors and chairs the Standing Committee on Urban Economic Policy for the United States Conference of Mayors. Recently, he was named chair of the U.S. Department of Commerce's 2000 Census Advisory Committee. He has also been appointed to the Federal Advisory Commission on Electronic Commerce. Mayor Kirk co-chaired the National League of Cities' Election '96 task force. He will host the National Conference of Black Mayors 26th Annual Convention in Dallas in April 2000.

Mayor Kirk draws upon 15 years of diverse legislative experience on local, state and federal levels. Governor Ann Richards appointed him the 98th Secretary of State, he was a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen and served as chair of Texas' General Service Commission. Kirk also worked as the City of Dallas' Assistant City Attorney and Chief Lobbyist from 1983 to 1989, achieving a 90% success rate in passing the city's legislative agenda.

Mayor Kirk has been recognized for his leadership and outstanding service by his alma mater, his law school, and professional organizations. He has received the Young Texas Ex Award from the University of Texas and is a member of UT's Order of the Calf. He also has received the Dallas Bar Association's Martin Luther King Justice Award.

Actively involved in the community, Mayor Kirk has been named Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Dallas Volunteer of the Year. He has served as President of the Dallas Zoological Society and chair of the South Dallas/Fair Park Trust Fund Advisory Board. Mayor Kirk is a member of the Austin College Board of Trustees and serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Hart Global Leaders Forum for Southern Methodist University.

Mayor Kirk is a partner with Gardere and Wynne, LLP and on the Board of Directors for Brinker International. Born and raised in Austin, he attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, for his bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree in political science/sociology and received his doctorate of jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law in 1979.

The Honorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Administrator Browner is the longest serving Administrator in the history of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Over the past seven years, Browner has made it her mission to maintain a healthy environment for America's families while preserving a healthy climate for our nation's economy. To protect communities from the environmental dangers left by past polluters, Browner has sped up the rehabilitation of the nation's most severe toxic waste sites to a rate 20 percent faster, yet 20 percent less expensive, than previous administrations.

As a result, three times as many Superfund cleanups have been completed under Browner's tenure than in the previous 12 years. She also has led the effort to cleanup and redevelop "brownfields" – abandoned, contaminated urban property. To date, the brownfields program has leveraged more than \$1 billion in public and private funds for brownfields redevelopment, created thousands of new jobs, and helped hundreds of communities across the nation bring these idle properties back to productive use. Under the President's and Vice President's leadership, Browner took the toughest action in a generation to safeguard public health from threats posed by air pollution. Following the Vice President's mandate to make the federal government both more efficient and effective, Browner has worked to "reinvent" environmental protection. To date, her streamlining reforms have eliminated more than 25 million hours of paperwork – the equivalent of returning 635,000 work-weeks back to the private sector. Browner also helped lead the administration's efforts to develop and implement President Clinton's Clean Water Action Plan – the nation's blueprint for finishing the job of cleaning and restoring all our nation's rivers, lakes and coastal waters. From 1991 to 1993, Browner was Secretary of Florida's Department of Environmental Regulation. Earlier, Browner served as legislative director to then-Senator Albert Gore, Jr. and served on the staff of then-Senator Lawton Chiles.

The Honorable Wellington E. Webb
Mayor - City and County of Denver, Colorado
President – U.S. Conference of Mayors

Wellington E. Webb was elected on May 4, 1999 with 81% of the vote to serve his third term as Mayor of the City of Denver. He is Denver's 41st Mayor and the City's first African American Mayor.

On June 15, 1999, Mayor Webb assumed the Presidency of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), the official nonpartisan organization for the nation's 1,100 cities with populations of 30,000 or more. Mayor Webb also serves as Vice President of the National Conference of Black Mayors, Vice President of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors, an Advisory Board member of the National League of Cities, and an Advisory Board member of the Brookings Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy. Mayor Webb chairs both the USCM Task Force on Sub-Saharan Africa and the National Conference of Black Mayors' Committee on Africa. In 1996, Newsweek selected Mayor Webb as One of the Top 25 Mayors in the Nation.

Mayor Webb's public service career began in 1972 when he was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, representing his boyhood neighborhood of northeast Denver. In 1977, State Representative Webb was selected by President Jimmy Carter to serve as Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health Education and Welfare. Colorado Governor Richard Lamm appointed Webb to his cabinet in 1981 as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies. In 1987, Webb was elected Denver City Auditor where he was applauded by fellow City officials for restoring the office's professionalism and integrity. In 1991, Webb was elected Mayor of the City and County of Denver.

Under Mayor Webb's leadership, the City of Denver has opened the world's most technologically advanced airport, Denver International Airport; hosted nearly 200,000 people from around the world to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope John Paul II; welcomed President Clinton and eight world leaders at the Denver Summit of the Eight, the annual global economic summit; and hosted the Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Coors Field.

Mayor Webb has endeavored to build upon Denver's cherished quality of life. During his tenure, Denver has been recognized as One of the Top Five American Cities in Fortune Magazine's annual 'Best Cities' survey; One of the Top Three Cities for Sound Fiscal Management in City and State Magazine; One of the Top American Cities in Money Magazine; One of the Top Ten Cities in the Nation for Hispanics in Hispanic Magazine, and The Top City for Entrepreneurs in Entrepreneur Magazine. For the past six years, Ebony magazine has recognized Mayor Webb as one of the one hundred most influential African Americans in the nation and Black Enterprise proclaimed Denver, under Webb's leadership, as a "Business Mecca for African-Americans".

Mayor Webb is frequently requested to serve as a spokesperson for national issues affecting U.S. cities and has appeared on NBC's "Today Show" and "Meet the Press"; ABC's "Good Morning America", "This Week," "Nightline" and "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher"; and CBS's "This Morning," "Face the Nation" and "The Late Show with David Letterman." He has also appeared on Black Entertainment Televisions' "BET Tonight with Tavis Smiley," "The Arsenio Hall Show," CNN's "Larry King Live," and "Talk Back Live," as well as on PBS's "McNeil Lehrer Newshour."

Mayor Webb was awarded a BA in Sociology from the Colorado State College at Greeley in 1964 and an MA in Sociology from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley in 1971. He also holds honorary Doctorates from the University of Colorado at Denver and from Metropolitan State College. Mayor Webb frequently lectures on city government issues and was a recent guest lecturer at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Mayor Webb and Denver's First Lady Wilma J. Webb, a former six-term Colorado State Representative who currently serves as the United States Secretary of Labor's Representative for Region Eight, have four grown children and live in Denver's City Park West neighborhood.

Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

On October 23, 1998, Secretary Andrew Cuomo administered the oath of office to Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., officially making him the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. As the second ranking person in the Department, Deputy Secretary Ramirez becomes the first Hispanic in the history of the agency to hold this office. Mr. Ramirez had been serving in an "Acting" capacity since February (1998) when he had been asked by HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo to assume the duties.

As Deputy Secretary, Mr. Ramirez functions as the Department's Chief Operating Officer (COO), overseeing the day-to-day operations of an agency with budget authority of \$25 billion, and an employee workforce of 9100, through the administration of all its' programs, functions and authorities. Secretary Cuomo has also asked him to spearhead the implementation of HUD's 2020 Management Reform Plan. This ambitious management overhaul is designed to streamline and modernize the Department by updating systems, improving accountability and performance, and reducing "red tape." Independent reports on the effectiveness of the Department's efforts have yielded positive results. David Osborne in a report on the strategic assessment of HUD's reforms said: "The HUD 2020 Plan lays out a sound blueprint for reforming the Department and setting it on a path for making it a model federal agency for the 21st century."

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Ramirez had been serving as Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD, a post which President Clinton nominated him for in June of 1997, and was later unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate later the same year. As Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, Mr. Ramirez was responsible for many of the Department's programs which are designed to strengthen and revitalize America's communities such as Community Development Block Grants, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities Program, Community Development Loan Guarantees, Homeless Assistance Grants, and the Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative.

Before coming to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Ramirez served both as a City Council Member and as Mayor of Laredo, Texas, a community of 185,000 located on the Texas-Mexico border. Elected in May of 1982, Mr. Ramirez served two consecutive four-year terms. He was subsequently elected the youngest mayor in Laredo's history in 1990. He was re-elected as Laredo's Mayor in May of 1994, with 62% of the vote.

During his tenure as Mayor, Laredo underwent an unprecedented period of growth and development, and was literally transformed from a "sleepy little border town" to a vibrant international trade center which currently serves as the central point for land transportation between the United States and Mexico, handling approximately 38% of all trade between the two countries. This growth has led to Laredo becoming the fastest growing city in Texas and the second fastest growing city in the country for the past seven years.

Many capital projects were begun and finished under the leadership of Mr. Ramirez. The paving of some 1,200 Laredo streets, the construction of a state-of-the-art police station and main library, multi-million dollar expansions of the city's water and wastewater treatment plants, the construction of four recreation centers designed to provide recreational activities for the city's youth, as well as the establishment of innovative housing programs designed to provide housing opportunities for low and moderate income families, are but a few of the projects which have led to Laredo's transformation.

As Mayor, Mr. Ramirez was also involved with various organizations created to advocate the needs of America's cities. He served on the U.S. Conference of Mayor's (USCM) Board of Trustees and was Co-chair of the USCM Task Force on Immigration. He also served as the Chairman of the Texas Municipal League's (TML) Policy and Personnel Committee and on TML's Committee on Insurance Funds.

Mr. Ramirez is the recipient of many honors and accolades, being named as one of the "Nation's 25 Most Dynamic Mayors" in the November 1996 issue of Newsweek Magazine; voted the "1995 Mayor of the Year" by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association; and being named the "1994 Distinguished Citizen of the Year" by the Boy Scouts of America - Aztec District, Gulf Coast Council. Most recently, Mr. Ramirez was named the "1997 Laredoan of the Year" by the Laredo Morning Times, Laredo's daily newspaper.

Mr. Ramirez currently resides in the Washington, D.C. metro area. He and his wife of 18 years, Maria Agnes "Aggie," have three children: Saul, Joaquin and Alexis Nicole.

Arabella Martinez
Chief Executive Officer
Spanish Speaking Unity Council

Ms. Martinez has worked tirelessly at improving the social, economic, and physical living conditions in the predominantly Latino Fruitvale Area of Oakland. Having earned a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of California, she went on to serve as the first Executive Director of the Spanish Speaking Unity Council, 1969-1974. Her local success attracted national attention and was later appointed by President Carter in 1977 as Assistant Secretary for the Office of Human Development Services in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She served as the President of the Center for Policy Development for seven years before resuming her post at the Unity Council in 1989 to successfully rescue it from near bankruptcy. Ms. Martinez is currently spearheading the Fruitvale BART Transit Village, a \$100 million real estate development project that is a cluster of housing, shops and neighborhood-oriented services that surround a pedestrian plaza at the Fruitvale Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station.

The Honorable R.B. "Ralph" Marquez
Director
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC)

Ralph Marquez of Texas City was appointed by Governor George W. Bush to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) on May 1, 1995, and was confirmed by the Texas Senate on May 5, 1995. His first term expired August 31, 1999, and he was reappointed for a second term that expires August 31, 2005.

Prior to his appointment, Marquez served on several TNRCC advisory committees and task forces. He is a registered professional engineer and has been a vice-chair of the Texas Chemical Council environmental committee, a board member of the Gulf Coast Water Authority, and served on the State of Texas Waste Reduction Advisory Committee. He also served as chairman of the City of Texas City Environmental Advisory Board.

From 1963 to 1993, Marquez worked for the Monsanto Company in various capacities, including internal company consultant for technical, regulatory and legislative environmental issues. He has a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Texas and a master's degree in Future Studies from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Since joining the commission, Marquez has served on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee and the Governmental Advisory Committee to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation. He also has served as chair of the Environmental Council of States Regulatory Reinvention Work Group. Marquez has been heavily involved in air, Mexico border, and regulatory innovation issues during his terms of the commission.

The Honorable Dan W. Reicher
Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy

Dan W. Reicher was nominated by President Clinton and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in 1997. He also serves as the Department's Environmental Executive under Presidential Executive Order 13101 and as a member of the executive board of the White House Climate Change Task Force. Prior to these positions he was DOE Chief of Staff (1996-1997), Senior Policy Advisor to Energy Secretary Federico Peña (1997), Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy (Acting) (1995-96), and Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary (1993-95). Mr. Reicher was also a member of the Clinton-Gore Transition Team (1992-93).

Mr. Reicher has more than 20 years of experience in environmental and energy policy and law. From 1985 to 1992 he was an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council where he focused primarily on federal environmental, energy, and defense programs. He was also a staff member of President Carter's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island and worked in the Hazardous Waste Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. He was an Assistant Attorney General in Massachusetts where he focused on environmental and energy matters and a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge David Nelson in Boston. Mr. Reicher also served as a member of the

National Academy of Sciences Board on Radioactive Waste Management, an adjunct professor of law at the University of Maryland Law School, and an instructor in the Stanford in Washington program.

At DOE, Mr. Reicher has been engaged in policy and management in many areas, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate change, electric utility restructuring, clean air, environmental cleanup, nuclear waste management, nuclear nonproliferation, and land conservation. He has also been involved with the Department's international energy, environmental and security programs.

Mr. Reicher is a graduate of Stanford Law School (J.D. 1983) and Dartmouth College (B.A. in Biology 1979) and also studied at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Reicher's articles have appeared in such publications as the New York Times, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, and the Stanford Law Review. He co-edited a book entitled Controlling the Atom in the 21st Century (Westview Press) and was an author of the environmental law treatise Sustainable Environmental Law (West Publishing).

The Honorable Cardell Cooper

***Assistant Secretary for the Office of Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)***

Cardell Cooper is presently serving as Assistant Secretary for the Office of Community Planning and Development at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In this capacity, he oversees and administers over \$7 billion in grant programs that help communities plan and finance their growth and development, increase their capacity to govern, and provide shelter and services for homeless people. Such programs include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Youthbuild, Section 108 Loan Guarantees, Continuum of Care, and Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities. Mr. Cooper develops and articulates Departmental community revitalization and economic development policy to Congress, federal, state and local officials, advocacy groups, non-profit providers and citizens throughout the country.

Prior to joining HUD, Mr. Cooper worked at the Environmental Protection Agency's Solid Waste and Emergency Response Program, with responsibility for toxic waste cleanup and the Clinton Administration's Brownfields Redevelopment Initiatives.

Prior to joining EPA, Mr. Cooper served two terms as mayor of East Orange, New Jersey. Under Mayor Cooper's leadership, East Orange experienced a resurgence of civic pride and community involvement. The city made strides in several areas benefiting the citizens of East Orange, including a rise in business development, significant improvements in public schools test scores, expanded affordable housing, a reduction in crime rate, and upgrades to the city's infrastructure. Mr. Cooper served on the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and has chaired its Health and Human Services Committee and Task Force on Immigration and was also a member of the National League of Cities Transportation and Communications Committee.

In 1996, Mr. Cooper was New Jersey Chairman for the Bill Clinton-Al Gore 1996 Coordinated Victory campaign. In 1990, Mayor Cooper was chosen as a member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors delegation to Poland, providing assistance and guidance to Polish mayors following the country's first free election in 50 years.

Mr. Cooper has received numerous awards and commendations. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Montclair State University in 1974 and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Rutgers University.

The Honorable Lois Schiffer

***Assistant Attorney General
Environment and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice***

Lois Schiffer, the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the Department of Justice, has broad experience in environmental law, litigation, negotiation, and management. During her twenty-five years of legal practice she has worked for the government, private law firms, and non-profit organizations. She has served on non-profit boards and has worked with a wide range of people throughout the country.

Ms. Schiffer has worked at the Department of Justice in the Environment (formerly Land) and Natural Resources Division since July, 1993. She was Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, and Acting Assistant Attorney General. The Division is responsible for civil and criminal litigation relating to pollution, natural resources, and Indian issues on behalf of all federal agencies.

Ms. Schiffer has significant experience in environmental law. She served previously in the Division under both the Carter and Reagan Administrations. From 1978 to 1981, Ms. Schiffer was Chief of the General Litigation Section in the Division. She was responsible for managing the Section and supervising the Section's handling of approximately 2000 cases arising under over 70 federal statutes, including the Surface Mining Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Land Policy Management Act, as well as statutes relating to Alaska, mining and mineral leasing, and forest management.

From 1981 to 1984, she served as Special Litigation Counsel in the Lands Division. In that capacity, she handled complex litigation on behalf of the United States and its agencies. Cases included *United States v. Olin*, a major Superfund case that sought clean-up of a site in Triana, Alabama. The case involved six federal agencies and over a thousand residents of a downstream community who claimed adverse health effects from the pollution. She litigated the case, then participated in an extended and complex settlement negotiation. She also worked on *Juda v. United States* and related cases, in which Marshall Islanders claimed a taking of their homelands by United States' nuclear testing in the 1940's and 1950's.

Immediately before rejoining the Department of Justice in July, 1993, Ms. Schiffer was a partner at Nussbaum & Wald, a Washington, D.C. law firm where she handled complex insurance coverage litigation, including a lawsuit on behalf of a chemical company that sought insurance coverage for 80 hazardous waste clean-ups. Her environmental experience also includes serving as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where she has co-taught environmental law from 1986 to the present.

From 1984 to 1989, Ms. Schiffer was General Counsel at National Public Radio. She was principal lawyer and a senior manager for the non-profit organization that produces nationally recognized radio programming. At the time she worked there, NPR had 350 member stations and approximately 350 employees. Ms. Schiffer handled a range of matters, including employment, copyright, trademark, corporate, non-profit tax, libel, insurance and general management issues, presentation of member station interests at the Federal Communication Commission, and Copyright Royalty Tribunal matters. At NPR, she also served as Secretary to the Corporation and as parliamentarian at Board and membership meetings.

Ms. Schiffer has also worked at the Center for Law and Social Policy, where she was an attorney from 1974 to 1978; with Leva, Hawes, Symington, Martin and Oppenheimer, where she was an associate from 1971 to 1974; at the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, where she was a Court Law Clerk in 1970 to 1971; and with the Boston Legal Assistance Project, where she had a Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship in 1969 to 1970.

Ms. Schiffer has been on the Boards of a number of non-profit organizations. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the District of Columbia Bar from 1979 to 1989, and worked on a number of the organization's committees. She also served as a member of the Boards of American Rivers, an environmental organization; the Women's Legal Defense Fund, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Ms. Schiffer graduated from Radcliffe College magna cum laude in June 1966, and from Harvard Law School cum laude in June 1969. She is a member of Phi Beta kappa, and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is a member of the Massachusetts and the District of Columbia Bars. She is also a member of the American Bar Association.

Ms. Schiffer's awards include recipient of the Department of Justice Outstanding Performance Rating (1979-1983) and the Mothers and Daughters of Extraordinary Achievement Award (National Women's Law Center, 1991).

For recreation, Ms. Schiffer hikes, reads, goes to the movies, and cooks. She has a lifetime goal of hiking in all of the National Parks.

The Honorable Arthur C. Campbell

Deputy Undersecretary

Rural Development

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Art Campbell has more than twenty years of public and private experience working with cities, towns and rural areas in the field of community-based housing and economic development. He organized and directed regional offices of both the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Both organizations engage public and private partners to support rural housing and community development. He also served as Southeast Area Director of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) under President Carter.

From 1986 to 1995, Mr. Campbell operated a planning and development consulting business out of Chattanooga, Tennessee. In 1993, he was elected to the Hamilton County Board of Commission, representing the district that encompasses all of downtown Chattanooga. During December 1992 and January 1993, he served on the Transition Team for then President-Elect Bill Clinton and Vice President-Elect Al Gore, where he had the primary responsibility of auditing the status of the Farmers Home Administration and briefing the Agriculture Secretary designate. He served as the Chairman of the Board of HAC until he was appointed to his present position as Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Planning for USDA Rural Development in March of 1995. During his current tenure with USDA Rural Development, he has:

- Authored the Administration's Rural Policy required by Congress;
- Led development of strategic plan for the Rural Development mission area;
- Developed implementation strategy and measurement tools to track progress toward the core mission;
- Served as member of Finance Committee that organized the Community Adjustment and Investment Program to provide financing and technical assistance to communities adversely affected by the North American Free Trade Agreement;
- Developed public private initiatives to address persistent rural conditions in the colonias, the lower Mississippi Delta and two sub-state regions in North Dakota;
- Provided assistance and consultation to South Africa on housing and rural development concerns under the aegis of the Gore-Mbeld Bi-National Commission;
- Served as White House Delegate to United Nations-sponsored Habitat II conference in Istanbul, Turkey and led the delegation's drafting of policy on rural/urban linkage; and
- Led preparation of strategic plans for delivery of Rural Development resources within the fifty states and territories as required by the 1996 Farm Bill.

Art Campbell earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture from Tuskegee Institute and a Masters Degree in City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Mayor
City of Stamford, CT

Dannel P. Malloy was sworn in for his second term as the 29th Mayor of the City of Stamford, Connecticut on December 1, 1997.

Mayor Malloy is Vice Chair of the Mayors and Public Schools Task Force of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He also serves as Vice President of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. In addition, the Mayor is a member of the National League of Cities' Task Force on Youth and Education. Further, as a reflection of his colleagues' confidence in him, the Mayor was elected Chair of the Democratic Municipal Officials organization, and subsequently became a member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee. Finally, Mayor Malloy is a member of the Advisory Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and is responsible for shaping the organization's policies and positions on issues affecting the nation's cities.

Since becoming Mayor in 1995, Mayor Malloy and his Administration have endeavored to effectuate major organizational changes in City government to provide a more citizen-friendly orientation and establish and maintain open lines of communications between the Mayor and citizens, as well as between the Mayor and over 3000 City employees. The result of fostering communications was the implementation of open office hours, open employees' meetings and the establishment of a Citizens' Services Bureau which handles citizens' complaints on an ongoing, daily basis.

Through Mayor Malloy's efforts, the City continues to significantly outperform others, in part because of a growing economy, our highly educated workforce and our overall pro-business climate. In addition, Stamford is perhaps the most successful city in the country in terms of its downtown housing stock. Within the last five years, Stamford has added 1000 new units of downtown housing, with over another 1000 units planned for development.

Each year of the Malloy Administration, the City has achieved a AAA Bond Rating, one of only 26 municipalities nationwide with such a designation.

A key measure of the quality of life in Stamford is the crime rate, which, within the first two years of the Mayor's tenure, decreased 27%. Continuing with this trend, the crime rate in the first quarter of 1999 was 40% lower than the same time period of 1994.

The Mayor has worked intensely and effectively with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to reconstruct various areas of our City. It is in this regard that the city became one of 16 communities nationwide to be designated a Brownfields Showcase Community by the Federal Government. In addition, the city was awarded a \$26 million Hope IV grant to redevelop a blighted housing complex.

In keeping with revitalization and quality of life issues, the Mayor recognizes the need to preserve and acquire open space for our community. One of the major projects is the development of a plan for waterfront usage along the Mill River, a body of water that traverses the downtown.

Mayor Malloy is an advocate and strong supporter of the City's public school system. He initiated a School Resource Officer Program in our community and assigned police officers to all of our high schools and middle schools to further assist with education and instruction of the students and to facilitate communications between young people and the police.

In addition, the Mayor implemented a citywide preschool educational program, the first of its kind in Connecticut and a model for the rest of the nation. The program, commenced in September, 1998, ensures that all four year old children in the City of Stamford have the ability to attend preschool prior to entering kindergarten regardless of their financial circumstances.

Great cities have cultural opportunities, and Stamford is a great and vibrant community. Mayor Malloy established the Stamford Cultural Development Corporation, thus benefiting the local arts and fostering a cultural experience for all its citizens.

Mayor Malloy was the 1997 recipient of the Community Service Award of the Program in Judaic Studies and Middle Eastern Affairs at the University of Connecticut, Stamford, and in 1999, was the recipient of the Jewish Family Service Community Service Award. The Mayor was also selected to attend the 19th Annual Conference of Mayors in Jerusalem.

Mayor Malloy is a former Assistant District Attorney with the Brooklyn, New York District Attorney's Office. He was also a partner in the Stamford Law Firm of Abate & Fox. The Mayor is a *Magna Cum Laude* graduate of Boston College and Boston College Law School.

Mayor Malloy is a former member of the city's Board of Education, and is a former member and Chairman of the city's Board of Finance.

William W. Ginsberg
Managing Director
Federal Housing Finance Board

William W. Ginsberg became Managing Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board April 16, 1997. As Managing Director, Mr. Ginsberg serves as the Finance Board's Chief Operating Officer, in charge of the day-to-day operations of the agency.

Will Ginsberg brings to the Finance Board a long career specializing in local economic development. As a chief executive in the public and not-for-profit sectors, a practicing attorney, and a senior government official at both the local and national levels, he has helped promote public/private partnerships to create community development projects.

A graduate of the Columbia University School of Law in New York, Ginsberg served from 1984 to 1988 as development administrator of the City of New Haven, Connecticut, a position equivalent to that of a deputy mayor, where he was in charge of all housing and economic development activities of city government. From 1988 to 1994 he was president and chief executive officer of the Science Park Development Corporation, a major public-private economic development project in New Haven focusing on the development of technology-based businesses.

In February 1994, Ginsberg was appointed Assistant Secretary for Economic Development at the U.S. Department of Commerce, in charge of its Economic Development Administration, a national program of economic development assistance to local public and not-for-profit institutions serving urban and rural areas of economic distress. Fifteen months later in April 1995, he was named Chief of Staff to the late Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown.

Ginsberg also has international development experience. For the one year until coming to the Finance Board, he served as acting Assistant Secretary in the International Trade Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce. During May 1996 and April 1997, he actively promoted international investment by U.S. businesses in selected areas of the world and helped formulate U.S. international trade and commercial policy, including monitoring compliance by foreign governments with trade agreements.

A graduate with honors from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, Ginsberg has done graduate study in history at Cambridge University in England. He lives in Washington D.C. with his wife, Ellen Kelly Ginsberg, and their two children.

William B. Rogers

President

The Trust for Public Land

Will Rogers is the President of the Trust for Public Land, a national nonprofit land conservation organization headquartered in San Francisco, with offices throughout the United States. The Trust has protected over \$1.5 billion worth of land, covering more than 1,000,000 acres of wild, scenic and urban open space land for people in 44 states and Canada.

Since joining the Trust for Public Land (TPL) in 1991, as Director of Programs and then as Western Regional Director, Mr. Rogers successfully managed the regional team responsible for the conservation of such diverse natural resources as 14,000-acre Volcan Mountain in San Diego's backcountry, He'eia Kea Valley in Hawaii, and Skyline Ranch in the Oakland Hills. He also oversaw the establishment of the California Center for Land Recycling (a TPL program focused on the responsible redevelopment of brownfield sites in California).

Before joining TPL, Mr. Rogers worked as a project manager for a Chicago-based real estate development company where he managed urban development projects including new infill construction and the rehabilitation of vacant industrial buildings for commercial, office and residential use. In addition to his real estate experience, he founded and managed a commercial honey production company in Bogota, Columbia.

Will Rogers is a graduate of Stanford University and received his MBA from Harvard University. He is married with two children.

Vernice D. Miller-Travis

Executive Director

Partnership for Sustainable Brownfields Redevelopment

Vernice Miller currently serves as a member of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, the federal advisory committee to the Environmental Protection Agency, where she chairs the Waste and Facility Siting sub committee. Here she provides guidance and counsel to the EPA on public policy issues ranging from Superfund and its application to environmental justice communities, Brownfields redevelopment as a tool for sustainable urban revitalization, federal relocation policy, solid and hazardous waste management issues, and a host of other concerns.

Vernice Miller recently served for five and a half years as the first Director of the Environmental Justice Initiative of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). NRDC is a national environmental organization founded in 1970, which is dedicated to protecting natural resources and the public health through effective litigation, persistent advocacy, and hard-hitting research to protect our air, water, land and food supplies.

Ms. Miller was responsible for developing NRDC's environmental justice strategies to fight the disproportionate burden of pollution borne by people of color and the poor, and for coordinating all environmental justice efforts within NRDC's various programs. In this capacity she was responsible for program development, legislative advocacy before the U.S. Congress and the New York State legislature, policy creation and implementation, legal case development, coalition building with grass roots groups, and public advocacy and education on national environmental justice issues.

Ms. Miller came to NRDC with a decade of environmental justice, public policy advocacy, and community organizing experience. She served as the principal research assistant for the landmark report *Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States*, published by the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, in 1987. In 1988, Ms. Miller co-founded West Harlem Environmental Action (WHE ACT), one of the leading community-based environmental justice advocacy organizations in the nation. Ms. Miller also served as the Northeast Region

facilitator for the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit, and served as a member of the drafting committee of that conference that wrote the *Principles of Environmental Justice*.

Vernice Miller currently serves as co-chair of the Board of Directors of West Harlem Environmental Action. She is a founding member of the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, and the Northeast Environmental Justice Network. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Washington Office on Environmental Justice.

Ms. Miller has also served as the Director of Development of the Center for Constitutional Rights, and as the New York Coordinator for the U.S. Citizens Network for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (The Earth Summit).

Ms. Miller has traveled to Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Fiji, and Hungary to present in international forums about environmental justice and environmental policy and race in the United States.

Ms. Miller is a graduate of Columbia University where she is also a candidate for a Master's Degree in Urban Planning. She is the recipient of Columbia's Revson Fellowship, and was recently awarded a Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship by the Kellogg Foundation. Ms. Miller has published several articles, as well as book chapters on environmental justice issues, and has received several awards and honors for her work as an environmental justice advocate.



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